## 12/15/19 Days

# Miracles of Turkey & Greece with Islands Hopping

Istanbul, Magic Cappadocia, Ancient Athens and dreaming Santorini

19-Day Tour)

🚍 Escorted Tour

Coach, Air

Daily sightseeing

## Trip Code 12-Day Tour: TP12MT | Trip Code 15-Day Tour: TP15TG Trip Code 19-Day Tour: TP19TG

- (17 Nights (19-Day Tour)
- ✓ Air Included

- 🚨 Small Group (Avg. 26 pax)
- ⊨ 4-5 Start Hotel

## WHY YOU'LL LOVE IT

• Explore the continent-straddling metropolis of Istanbul, and step back in time to the Grand Bazaar, the majestic Blue Mosque, and in the taste of real Turkish Delight

· Get up close and personal with the fairy chimneys of Cappadocia

• Feast your eyes on Turkey's most spectacular sight, the 'Cotton Castle' and paddle through the magical healing hot springs at Pamukkale

• Option to explore thousands of years of history hidden in the remarkable ruins of Ephesus

• Uncover thousands of years of civilization in Athens with a visit to Acropolis

· With its boutique culture, gorgeous beaches, and thumping nightlife, the chic isle of Mykonos invites you to embrace your hedonistic side

• The sight of a Santorini sunset can turn even the most hardened of souls into a romantic. Walk along the volcanic rim of the island, passing through picturesque white villages that cling to plunging cliffs

Istanbul GREECE TURKEY Cappadocia Troy Izmir Pamukkale Kusadasi Konya **19-Day Tour** Depart for Turkey ② Istanbul ③ Istanbul ④ Istanbul-Troy- Canakkale Canakkale - Pergamum - Kusadasi (5) 6 Kusadasi ⑦ Kusadasi- Pamukkale ⑧ Pamukkale - Konya Ø Konya - Cappadocia Cappadocia ① Cappadocia - Istanbul Istanbul - Athens 3 Athens Athens - Mykonos (5) Mykonos 🔞 Mykonos - Santorini 🛈 Santorini (B) Santorini - Athens 😰 Athens - Canada





## DAY 1: Depart for Turkey

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## DAY 2: Arrive in Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul, at the crossroads of Europe and Asia and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure. Overnight in Istanbul. **Meals:** Dinner

## DAY 3: Istanbul

Spend your day delving into Istanbul the only city that straddles two continents, where modern and ancient coexist. Your tour includes a short briefing and the picture stop at the courtyard of the Blue Mosque, a 17th century Ottoman Mosque famous for its six minarets and magnificent interior made of blue tiles. Continue to the Hippodrome, ancient an Grecian stadium for horse racing and chariot racing during the Roman period. Then, gain insights into the Ottoman Empire's power during your guided tour of the Topkapi Palace and see the 4th century Egyptian obelisk. Then you may join the optional tour Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch (USD\$55). This tour's highlights include the Underground Cistern - water source of the Byzantine and Ottoman periods. Then visit St. Sophia, the great Byzantine Basilica built in the 6th century, which remained the largest cathedral in the world for almost a thousand vears, it was later converted to a mosque and now serves as a museum. Overnight in Istanbul. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 4: Istanbul-Troy-Canakkale

This morning, proceed to the classical city of Troy. Tour this 4000-year-old city and legendary center of the Trojan War, made immortal by Homer's epic poem The Iliad. See the symbolic replica of the famous Wooden Horse that the Greeks used to break their siege of this ancient city. We continue to Çanakkale where we dine at our hotel tonight. Overnight in Canakkale. **Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 5: Canakkale -Pergamum - Kusadasi

This morning, drive to Pergamum, a powerful kingdom during the ancient Hellenistic period. You will discover the ancient city of Pergamon, an important cultural centre and the east capital of the Roman Empire. Then visit Asklepion, the ancient Roman spa center. Then take a visit to the Leather factory where you can see the models wearing fashion popular leather walk show. Continue to seaside Kusadasi a city where we'll dine at our hotel. Overnight in Kusadasi.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 6: Kusadasi

Enjoy a full day at leisure in nearby city Izmir. Or, join the optional tour to Ancient Ephesus with lunch (USD\$89), considered one of the greatest ancient cities of the world. Here, you'll meander through the ruins of the ancient Greek city of Ephesus, visit the House of the Virgin Mary, Basilica of St. John, the library of Celsus, temple of Hadrian, the theater and the Odeon. Overnight in Kusadasi. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 7: Kusadasi -Pamukkale

Today, transfer to Pamukkale, and visit the Necropolis and the ancient city of Hierapolis ("Holy City"); a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city's hot springs have drawn people since the 2nd century BCE as it is known for its healing and therapeutic properties. Next, you will visit Pamukkale, known as "The Cotton Castle" is best desribed as a calcium cascade of snowy white stalactites-reminiscent a frozen waterfall. It is recognized as the 8th wonder of the World by Turkish people. Then relax and enjoy the blissful thermal pools at your hotel before dinner. Overnight in Pamukkale.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 8: Pamukkale - Konya

Enjoy a city tour of Ouarzazate, a desert This morning, continue to Konya, a city renowned for its Seljuk architecture and also as the home of the "Whirling Dervishes."Here we will gain insights into the mystical Whirling Dervish sect whose remains lie in the Mevlana Museum and Mausoleum. Overnight in Konya.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 9: Konya - Cappadocia

Today, depart in the early morning to travel to Cappadocia. Enroute, visit the 13thcentury Caravanserai of Sultanhan, a large abandoned city and shelter in Cappadocia, built on the Silk Road, whose main portal gate is considered a fine example of Turkish Seljuk art.

## DAY 9: Konya - Cappadocia

Continue to Cappadocia. A region of surreal rock formations and incredible cultural heritage, Cappadocia is home temples, ancient to rock-cut underground cities, and unparalleled landscapes. Visit "Fairy Chimney"its iconic volcanic cones. The thick clusters of rosy rock take on peculiar shapes-look for a dolphin, Napoleon's hat, or the Virgin Mary as you gaze upon them. Your guide explains how the formations were naturally carved. You may also see the remarkable mushroom-shaped, chimney-like rock formations that monks used as shelters, and get the chance to climb inside one to visit the guarters within. In the evening, you may join the Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks(US \$68). Immerse yourself in the lively ambiance as talented performers showcase their skills in traditional dances like the energetic "Halay" and the graceful "Belly Dance." The night is adorned with colorful costumes, lively music. and unlimited drinks(alcoholic & non-alcoholic), makina it an unforaettable highlight of any visit to Cappadocia. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 10: Cappadocia

Begin the day very early on an optional hot air balloon ride(USD\$340) that takes you soaring over the magnificent Cappadocian landscape with its incredible fairy chimney rock formations. The otherworldly landscapes of Cappadocia take centre stage today as we explore its volcanic landscape dotted with caves and troglodyte dwellings. Visit the Open Air Museum in Goreme. It's a monastic complex composed of churches, rectories and dwellings, and one of the earliest centres for religious education.

There are at least 10 churches and chapels in the museum area, dating between AD900 and 1200. Later, visit the Ozkonak Underground City. The city has many strata made up of volcanic granite. Its larger areas are connected to each other by tunnels. Ozkonak had a built-in communication system of pipes on each of its levels, unlike Kaymakli and Derinkuyu, which have no such systems. Each carved out room had ventilation provided by holes when the city was closed against enemies. Lastly, visit the village of Avanos that is famous for its beautiful old houses, pottery and onyx. Overnight in Cappadocia. Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 11: Cappadocia - Istanbul For 15-Day Tour: Breakfast in the

its unforaettable aromas. shop for carpets, jewelry, leather and entertainment program. more. Overnight Istanbul in Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## Day 12: Istanbul - Athens

Athens airport & transfer to the city hotel, beaches. You may start Overnight in Athens.

#### Meals: Breakfast

For 12-Day Tour: Transfer to the airport to fly back home. Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 13: Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Pickup from the hotel for your half day morning tour. See Syntagma Square, the House of Parliament, the Memorial to the Unknown Soldier, the Athens Academy, the University, the National Library and the Hadrian's Arch. Pass by the Temple of Olympian Zeus and the Panathenaic Stadium where the first Olympic Games of the modern era were held in 1896. On the Acropolis visit the architectural masterpieces of the Golden Age of Athens: the Propylaea, the Temple of Athena Nike, the Erechtheion and finally "the harmony between material and spirit", the Parthenon. Continue and visit the place where at last the statues found their home and admire the wonders of the classical era, the museum of Acropolis. At the end of the tour, drop off at the hotel or at the city centre. Remainder of theday at own leisure. Overnight in Athens. Meals: Breakfast

## Day 14: Athens - Mykonos

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the Athens port of Piraeus and take the boat to the island of Mykonos. Meet at Mykonos port and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Mykonos Hotel. Meals: Breakfast

Transfer to the airport for your flight hotel. Full day free for leisure in Athens or to Istanbul. Upon Arrival, you may join you may join the optional Sarnoic cruise the full day optional tour in Istanbul: tour with lunch (USD\$138). embark on the Optional full-day Tour to Bosphorus full day cruise to the 3 saronic islands of cruise; Spiced Bazaar; Grand Bazaar Aegina, Poros and Hydra. Lunch is (USD\$60). Visit the Spice Market with included and served on board. At each Then take island, get off the boat to discover each the boat cruise along the Bosphorus, islands own individual character. Aegina: the winding straits separating Europe The largest of the saronic islands, famous and Asia. The humble fishing villages for pistachio nuts. Poros: a pretty island and contrasting suspension bridges set with chance for shopping. Hydra - an against the dramatic outline of the artist's delight, again with boutiques, Strait demonstrates the link between shops and cafes dotted around the the East and West. Then continue to harbour. On the return journey back to the Grand Bazaar, where you can the port of Athens, enjoy the on board

#### Day 15: Mykonos

Breakfast in the hotel. At leisure today and explore the most fabulous island of Transfer to the airport for your onward flight to the Aegean Sea with the blue sky, the Athens. Upon arrival, meet in the arrival hall at beautiful sugar houses and the amazing with a walking tour in the morning and walk around the narrow white-washed streets of Mykonos Town. You will have many chances to take photographs, as in the morning the town is very quiet. You will see the lovely churches, the tiny shops, Little Venice, the traditional windmills and Peter the Pelican, the mascot of Mykonos. You may visit Paraportiani one of the 365 churches of the island and in the evening enjoy the famous night life of the island. Overnight in Mykonos Hotel. Meals: Breakfast

> For 15-Day Tour: Transfer to the airport to fly back home. Meals: Breakfast

## Day 16: Mykonos - Santorini

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Mykonos port and take the speed boat to the island of Santorini. Meet at Santorini port and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Santorini Hotel. Meals: Breakfast

## Day 17: Santorini

Breakfast in the hotel. Santorini is the supermodel of the Greek islands, a head-turner whose face is instantly recognisable around the world: multicoloured cliffs soar out of a seadrowned caldera, topped by drifts of With its whitewashed buildings. reputation for dazzling panoramas, romantic sunsets and volcanic-sand beaches, it's hardly surprising the island features on so many travellers' bucket lists. At leisure on this amazing island of Santorini (formed by the eruption of the volcano 1600 BC).

The sight is the most breathtaking of all Greek islands and perhaps of the world. Explore and enjoy all that the island has to offer. History and nature combine to make Santorini unforgettable. Overnight in Santorini Hotel. **Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 18: Santorini-Athens

Breakfast in the hotel. Enjoy a another free day in Santorini. In the evening, transfer to port and take high speed ferry to Athens. Overnight in Athens. **Meals:** Breakfast

## Day 19: Athens-Canada

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the airport and fly back Home. **Meals:** Breakfast

## **Optional Tours**

• Half Day Istanbul and St. Sophia with lunch (USD\$55)

- Full Day Ephesus & House of Virgin Mary with lunch (USD\$89)
- Traditional Turkish Night Dance Show with unlimited drinks (USD\$68)
- Hot air ballon ride (USD\$340)
- Cappadocia Jeep Ride
- Explore Tour(USD\$75)
- Bosphorus cruise & Grand Bazaar with lunch (USD\$58)
- Full-day Sarnoic cruise tour with lunch (USD\$138, for 15-Day Tour Only)

## **Package Includes**

- International Airfare from Toronto in economy class
- Airport taxes
- Flight from Cappadpnia to Istanbul, Istanbul to Athens
- 4-5 Star hotel accommodation
- Entrance fees to scenic attractions as indicated
- Services of English-speaking tour guides
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$  All transportation in the destination
- Meals as indicated in the program

## Package Does Not Include

- Visa fees
- Insurance of any kind
- Gratuities: Prepaid tipping for 12 days USD160/person; for 15 days USD210/person; for 19 days USD250/person

(includes gratuities for tour guides, tour escort, drivers etc.)

• Personal expenditure such as laundry service, souvenirs and telephone calls



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La Quinta by Wyndham Istanbul \star 🛧 🛧 🛧



Brown Acropol Athens or equivalent  $\star \star \star \star$ 

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## 12 Days Package Price

15 Days Package Price

19 Days Package Price

## From \$3,299 CAD From \$\$4,199 CAD From \$\$5,199 CAD

\*Leading price is based on specific departure dates in low season. \$100 to \$400 price increases may apply during shoulder season and peak season.

#### **Price Notes**

- Prices are per person based on twin share accommodation. Single room supplement fee: 12 Days: \$1099, 15 Days: \$1,599, 19 Days: \$2,199
- Add on airfare from other cities: Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria from \$400, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City from \$500, Saskatoon, Regina, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John and other cities from \$600
- Tour prices are subject to change without prior notice.